

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

2 March 1956

Present

Members: Richard Bauer, Army  
John Shearer, Navy  
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

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Dr. John Anderson, AEC

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Consultants:

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1. The 66th meeting convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 65th meeting were approved with the following emendations and comments:

a. Maj. Neumann wished to clarify the context of Mr. Lacey's remarks on page 1, and his own in paragraph 2, page 2, both of which, together with other comments merely emphasized the fact that it was not the purpose of the Subcommittee to determine what AID should do. Since attention was directed to this point, Air Force thought it would be appropriate to point out that NESID-16 was not being contradicted by the discussion at the last meeting.

The Chairman stated that this Subcommittee does not have the power to tell any Agency what they should do. He added that the Subcommittee's purpose was to try to determine how coordination can be accomplished to keep duplication to a minimum in the intelligence community. What is intended is that each Agency will determine what its own activity will do and will so inform the committee. Thus the committee can outline what the various agencies are doing and what it recommends CIA to do to supplement them.

b. Page 4, paragraph 2: [REDACTED] wanted to clarify his statement by adding the fact that he would be unwilling as the CIA representative to approve any recommendation involving the stated requirements of other agencies.

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2. Continuation of the Report and Recommendations to the FLP Committee.

At this point the Chairman distributed to the members a rewrite of the introduction to the scientific and technical portion of Tab A.

Referring to the rewrite Maj. Neumann asked if we knew of other services who have translating or abstracting activities done by their people.

Army answered that the Engineers did do some abstracting of articles from publications. He added that they receive journals on electric power, etc. that are primarily of interest to Engineers and he was quite certain they abstract some of them for their own use. This material is incorporated in carded form in their files and made available upon request. Signal Corps does quite a bit of exploitation on this material which is published in their finished studies. Straight translations of Army's Technical Services are listed in FDD's Consolidated Translation Survey (CTS).

The Chairman agreed that Signal Corps' intelligence exploitation facilities should be included as a service. In the case of Engineers it wouldn't be appropriate since their output is in the form of cards mainly for their own use.

Navy stated that none of the material that Navy produces is disseminated to the community in the same sense as FDD.

NSA's reply was negative.

The Chairman suggested we could possibly note in a general statement that through the apparatus of the CTS the intelligence community is made cognizant of translations performed by all of the IAC agencies. He added that reference can be made to the "Exploitation Review" for greater detail of what is being done in the community.

Mr. Shearer reported that he contacted Mr. Hudson who stated that Tab A does satisfy Navy's requirements. Navy favors the subject approach.

Mr. Bauer stated that Army's Technical Services had accepted the program as stated in Tab A. Army has already gone on record as favoring the subject approach over cover-to-cover abstracting of a limited number of journals.

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[redacted] stated that CIA needs supplemental services to help to collect all of the pertinent information and feels that the abstracting service which has been done under the previous program is entirely adequate and he is therefore opposed to the swinging over

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of manpower to selective abstracting. [redacted] remarked that due to an oversight there was an omission in his paper of "Recommended Features of Exploitation Services for Soviet Bloc Scientific and Technical Literature," dated 3 February 1956, which was a need for "annotations of books and monographs." [redacted] supported Air Force's position.

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[redacted] stated that Tab A does meet the requirements of NSA.

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[redacted] added that they are very much in hopes they will be able to continue receiving cover-to-cover abstracts on certain selective publications in the fields of research, development, and technology on electronic material. *particular those not which are clear*

Dr. Anderson stated that under "Electronics" should be included "computer facilities and research." Also they would like to see added "generating capacity of electric power."

The Chairman informed Mr. Anderson that the "generating capacity" category is being covered in the non-scientific portion of the program.

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[redacted] asked that if the suggested program is approved precisely what happens to CIA's needs for more exploitation of scientific news.

The Chairman answered that the Science News Items is the basis of all of Tab A.

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[redacted] did not want any cut in the Science News Items, and *he has no* ~~stated that there were no requirements other than those in Tab A.~~ *on his* *request* *of* *Science*

The Chairman summed up that the majority of the Committee seems to favor what has been outlined in Tab A with the suggested additions by Maj. Neumann of the 30 periodicals to be abstracted, [redacted] request for a possible 6 to 12 journals that may need to be abstracted on a cover-to-cover basis, and the addition of "computer facilities" by Dr. Anderson. The Chairman asked whether computer facilities could be covered with current manpower.

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[redacted] answered it would take a bare fraction of a man, so it could be done.

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The Chairman explained that six people will be needed for the requested abstracting and asked the members if anything could be dropped for this purpose. Since there was no reply, the Chairman stated that "computer facilities" will be added to Tab A and f. g. and h. will be dropped as previously agreed.

Tab B.

The Chairman asked if anything on Tab B was needed. If so, what is it precisely that is needed. First of all, certainly the Air Force's requirement for abstracting of 30 additional journals should be included in Tab B.

Maj. Neumann remarked that since in Tab A we were not able to do cover-to-cover abstracting, an expansion will be made by Air Force in a selective manner for their needs, hence he could not be certain of the number of journals that might be needed in Tab B.

The Chairman added we should put down tentatively "abstracting of blank number of scientific journals."

The Chairman asked for each agency to state their categories of interest according to priority. Army and NSA enumerated their priorities. Navy and Air will submit their priorities to the Chairman so they may be collated before the next meeting.

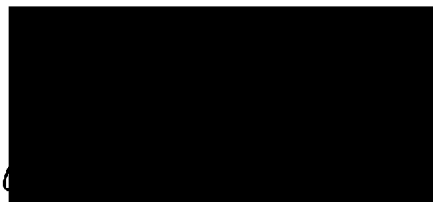
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[REDACTED] could not at present place the categories in Tab B according to priority because he stated that he was not able to distinguish Tab A from Tab B.

AEC had no comment on Tab B.

3. Agenda for the next meeting is exploitation of non-scientific publications of the USSR.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held 16 March 1956 at 1400 hours, in Room 2125 M Building.



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